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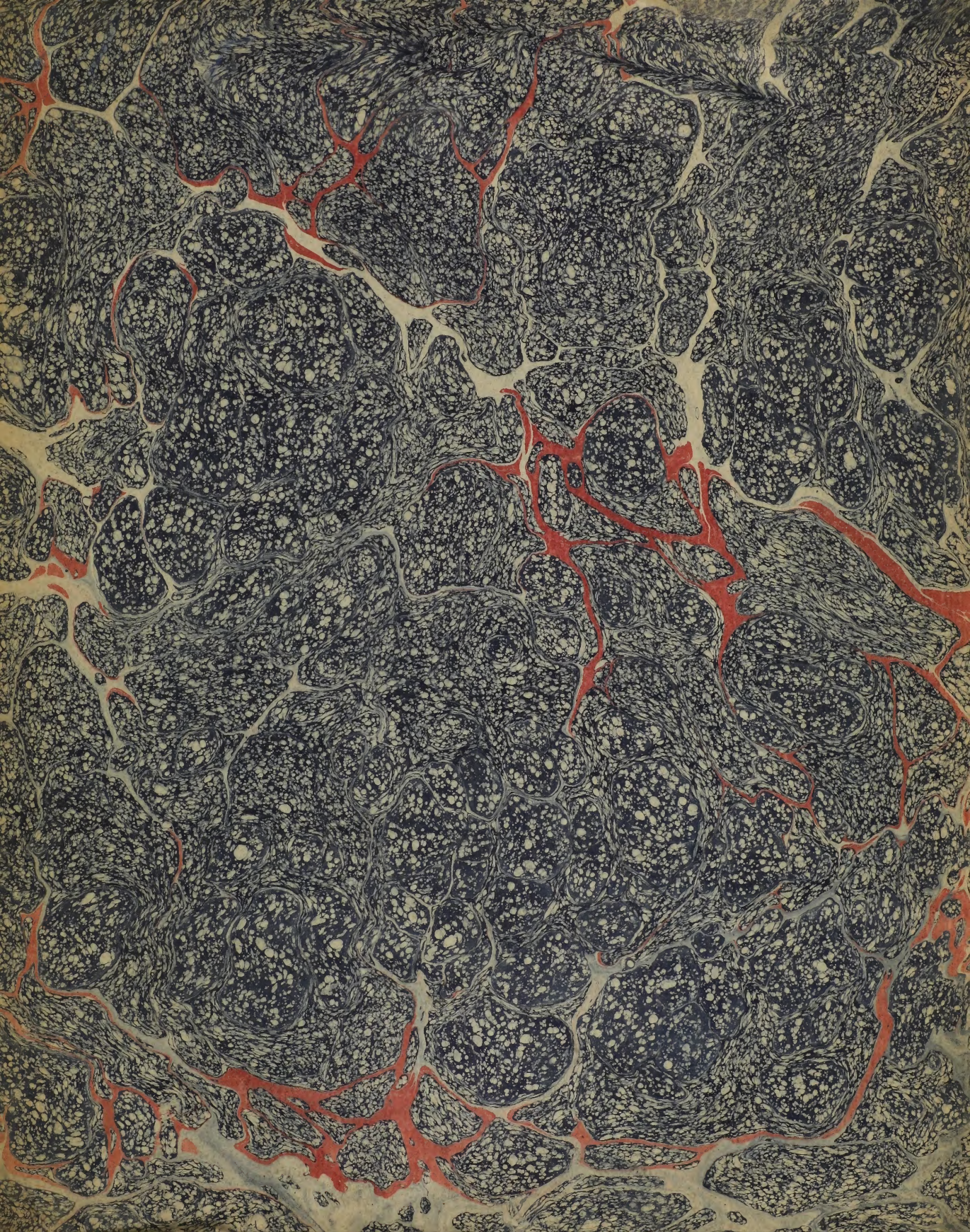

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DESCRIPTION

OF A

RARE SCARABÆUS

FROM

POTOSI, IN SOUTH AMERICA;

WITH

ENGRAVED REPRESENTATIONS OF THE SAME,

COLOURED FROM NATURE.

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SCARABÆUS MACROPUS.

CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Antennæ clavatæ capitulo fiſſili.
Tibiæ anticæ ſæpius dentatæ.

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CHARACTER SPECIFICUS.

Scarabæus ſcutellatus viridis nitens, ſubtus cupreo-auratus, pectore porrecto, femoribus poſticis craſſiſſimis.

INSECTUM hoc, formæ inſolitæ, et eximiæ pulchritudinis, nullus unquam deſcripſit phyſicus. Creditur porro non aliud extare Specimen præter id quod depinximus, ab Ulyſippone in Angliam illatum; quodque generaſſe aiunt Potoſos in America Auſtrali. Oſtendit tabula naturalem inſecti magnitudinem.

THE KANGUROO BEETLE.

GENERIC CHARACTER.

Antennæ divided at the tip or head into ſeveral lamellæ.
Tibiæ, or ſecond joints of the fore-legs, generally toothed.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER.

Scutellated bright-green beetle, gold-coppery beneath; with projecting breaſt: the thighs of the hind-legs very thick.

THIS highly ſingular and beautiful inſect, which has not as yet been deſcribed by any ſyſtematic Naturaliſt, and of which the Specimen itſelf is unique, was received from Liſbon; and is ſuppoſed to be a native of Potoſi, in South America. It is repreſented in its natural ſize.